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## EASTERN OYSTERS GROW IN WESTERN WATERS

### Report of Fish Warden Van Dusen for May Is Very Interesting Reading for Oregonians.

The report of Fish Warden Van Dusen for May says in part: During this month the Yaquina Bay Oyster Company, a new corporation organized for the purpose of transplanting eastern oysters into the waters of Yaquina bay, has received and planted a carload of two and three-year-old seed oysters, received from Riverside, R. I., and there is every reason to believe that the Yaquina will soon become as famous for its new product as is Toke Point, for the native oyster of the Yaquina is the equal in flavor, if not better than any native oyster on this coast. The success of this venture will be the means of bringing Coos bay and other Oregon bays into the same industry. It is the beginning of an industry that, if successful will mean a great deal to the state of Oregon.

There is no question about the eastern oyster seed thriving and growing to be a fine oyster in the waters of Yaquina. The experiment was made in 1896, when 25 barrels were secured and planted on the grounds in front of Oyster City. These, in three or four years, made their full growth (an average of about five inches in length); since then they have simply thickened in shell. They have spawned every year, but the spat succumbs to adverse conditions of its new habitat, commonly supposed to be on account of the cold water or the sudden change in the temperature of the water. At any rate Yaquina bay, like Willapa or Shoalwater bay, is apparently not adapted to the propagation of this species of oyster. Several experiments were made to catch and preserve the spat by State Biologist Washburn during his term of office, but all to no avail. Now another attempt is being made by the Yaquina Bay Oyster Company, assisted by State Biologist Sweetser. This time a pond has been provided and the flow of water regulated by food gates. By admitting the water from the bay at favorable times, they are in hopes of keeping the water in the pond at or near the desired temperature. This experimental work was arranged through the request of John D. Wilcox, president of the company. The matter was before the board at its last meeting, and, complying with instructions relative thereto, I immediately took the matter up with the state biologist, and after visiting the situation and going over the matter personally with him and Mr. Wilcox, we arranged for and had 900 of the old oysters taken from their beds and moved to the new pond by George King, has had the immediate care and attention of them ever since they were planted in 1896, and in regard thereto Mr. King reports the matter of transplanting as follows:

"My Dear Sir: In compliance with your request I herewith submit report in regard to eastern oysters. "By order from state biologist, and a request from you, I delivered to the Yaquina Bay Oyster Company May 22 two barrels of eastern oysters that were planted here by the general government in 1896 for experimental purposes. These two barrels weighed 400 pounds net, and contained about 900 oysters. These oysters are for experimental purposes and are planted in an artificial pond constructed by the Yaquina Bay Oyster Company, and situated on what is known here as Caffery's island.

"This is a remarkably late season; the oysters as yet show no signs of immediate spawning. I shall move my breeding float further up the river after the water gets warmer. The biologist and myself went down

(this morning and examined the new seed oysters that were planted in front of Yaquina by this new company two weeks ago yesterday (May 19). They are looking all right and a great many have already made a full one-eighth of an inch growth—this is a fine sign. I think that they will do well if properly taken care of. It will take some time, of course, to get the ground in shape, and a good foundation laid and proper wind and swell fences built.

"Mr. Sweetser and I went down to the pond twice today—at both high and low water. He left instructions as to how it should be managed by brush and for spat catchers, and I hope that they will get some results. The temperatures in the bay are running very low, with cold, raw nights which are not very favorable to oyster spawning. If anything of interest turns up I will notify you. GEORGE KING. "Winant, Ore., June 3, 1904."

**Siuslaw River Hatchery Station.**  
In order to remedy matters on the Siuslaw river and to assure the department of a successful take of eggs there on that river every year, I have again bent over the situation, and after making a very thorough examination of the main river from Wildcat creek down to Mapleton, and of the Lake creek fork from its confluence with the Siuslaw up to the mouth of Deadwood creek, and of the North fork from its confluence with the Siuslaw to the head of tide, I have concluded to reverse matters this year and do our work on the Lake creek fork instead of on the main river.

During the past two years we have been doing experimental work on the main river about five miles above the mouth of Lake creek, and have maintained a rack across this Lake creek fork so as to stop the salmon from ascending it and force them, if possible, to go on up the main river. Working the stream in this way has been fairly successful, but nothing like what we desire of it. Owing to the freshets that set in very early in the fall, it has been impossible to maintain a permanent rack long enough to be assured of a good take of the Chinook eggs. And in regard to the silverside variety, it has been utterly impossible to maintain the racks long enough to be assured of getting any at all. This coming season we will reverse matters and move our station up on the Lake creek fork about five miles from its confluence with the Siuslaw, and will maintain a rack across the main Siuslaw river just above the mouth of the Lake creek fork to stop and turn the salmon up the Lake creek fork, if possible. This work of the river is about two-thirds the size of the main river, and appears to be as much of an attraction for the salmon and affords just as extensive spawning grounds as does the main river and should afford us as good an opportunity for our work. During the year 1901 we maintained a rack across this tributary up above the mouth of Deadwood creek, for the purpose of determining if possible, what number of salmon frequented the stream for spawning purposes, and kept an account of all the salmon that were let through. The report received relative thereto shows that they let through the rack 434 chinook salmon and 1578 silversides. As a comparison I beg to state that on the main river last season which was the best the river has ever afforded, the number of salmon spawned was 204 females and 312 males, a total of 516, all chinooks. If possible we want to handle the silversides on that river as well as the chinook, and I am looking for a situation where we will be able to do so.

**Another "Most Wicked" City.**  
Philadelphia Inquirer.  
It has been the custom, owing to the very strenuous political campaigns that have marked the past few years, to hold Philadelphia up as the example of municipal wickedness to be shunned. It pleases other cities to call us unclean and a victim of the worst elements of society. The other day the Law and Order Society had much to say and scathingly arraigned the authorities for permitting the lowest forms of vice to exist and to flourish broadcast. Now comes a clergyman—Rev. Madison C. Peters—to object to such a charge. He believes it to be unfounded, and declares that in 20 years he has not known vice to be so hidden and veiled and frightened as it is today. It is difficult to stamp out

all forms of crime. It cannot be done. Crime can be controlled, not absolutely abolished. But there is this to be said: Vice is not openly flaunted in the faces of men and women on the streets. Vice exists undoubtedly, and it always will to an extent, but those who wish to share in it must search it out.  
A large model of the drydock on the Mississippi river at New Orleans, which is the second largest in the world, is an interesting exhibit of the state of Louisiana in the palace of liberal arts at the world's fair. This dock, which was recently built, will hold any of the vessels of the United States navy and was lately used in docking the Olympia. It is second in size in the world and has the largest tonnage.

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